



## Lake County Emergency Management & Homeland Security

July 1<sup>st</sup>-July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### COVID-19

Over the last few months, we have established many new community relationships and want to continue our efforts to keep the public informed. We had several weeks of our weekly flyers and overall, it was a positive thing. We are going to be continue to inform and educate our community through our monthly newsletter. Please continue to practice safe actions to keep the numbers down. We have seen a spike nationwide, and in Michigan within the last week.

If there is any information, requests, etc. that you would like in our monthly newsletter, reach out (231)745-6205. Thank you to everyone for everything you do!!!

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is impacting all of the state of Michigan and the nation. During this unprecedented time, it is important to protect yourself, your family and your community. As there is currently no vaccine for COVID-19, the best steps to arm yourself in the battle against this virus is to stay informed. Learn about recognizing the signs and symptoms as well as preventative measures you can take to help slow the spread of coronavirus by visiting [michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://michigan.gov/coronavirus) or [cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus).



District Health Department #10

[www.dhd10.org](http://www.dhd10.org)

#### A NOTE ON TEST RESULTS:

DHD#10 only contacts individuals if their test results come back positive. All other results are followed up by the medical care providers who ordered the tests. If you haven't been contacted by DHD#10 to inform you that you

tested positive, please contact your medical care provider for test results.

Confirmed cases as of 6/30/2020:

- **7- Lake (6) Recovered**
- 66 - Crawford
- 21 - Kalkaska
- 16 - Manistee
- 46 - Mason
- 26 - Mecosta
- 20 - Missaukee
- 164- Newaygo
- 281 - Oceana
- 26 - Wexford



(MDHHS) statewide mental health hotline: 888-PEER-753 (888-733-7753).

### 4th of July Holiday Travel Preparedness

Travel Preparedness Tips:

- Place a vehicle preparedness kit in your vehicle that includes a hand-crank radio, hand-crank flashlight, cell phone charger, blanket and extra clothes, tire repair kit and pump, flares, jumper cables and a "call police" or "help" sign.
- Know the weather-related emergencies and disasters common to your vacation destination and learn how weather warnings are communicated in the area.
- Monitor the weather forecast along travel routes.
- Have a map and familiarize yourself with the area of your destination. Do not rely on cell

phones or computers as your only navigation source.

- Know safe shelter locations and evacuation routes at campgrounds, hotels or resorts.
- Develop an emergency communications plan for everyone traveling in your group and designate an out-of-area emergency contact in case your group is separated.
- Keep your vehicle's fuel tank above half full. Power outages may prevent you from refueling.
- Download American Red Cross mobile apps to your smart phone. For more information, go to [www.redcross.org/prepare/mobile-apps](http://www.redcross.org/prepare/mobile-apps).

## Visiting Parks and Recreational Facilities

Staying physically active is one of the best ways to keep your mind and body healthy. In many areas, people can visit parks, trails, and open spaces as a way to relieve stress, get some fresh air, and stay active.

Know before you go: While these facilities and areas can offer health benefits, it is important that you follow the steps below to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

### DO'S

- \* Visit parks that are close to your home.
- \* Check with the park or recreation area in advance to prepare safely and to find out if the bathroom facilities are open and what services are available.
- \* Stay at least 6 feet away from others you don't live with ("social distancing") and take other steps to prevent COVID-19.
- \* Carefully consider use of playgrounds, and help children follow guidelines.
- \* Play it safe around and in swimming pools, hot tubs, and water playgrounds by keeping space between yourself and others.

### DON'TS

- \* Visit parks if you are sick with, tested positive for COVID-19, or know you were recently exposed to COVID-19.
- \* Visit crowded parks.

**TO HELP OUR EMPLOYEES GO HOME SAFELY TO THEIR FAMILIES EVERY DAY, DRIVERS SHOULD:**

- ALWAYS OBEY POSTED SPEED LIMITS AND WORK ZONE SIGNAGE**
- BE PATIENT**
- LEAVE ADEQUATE BRAKING ROOM FOR UNEXPECTED STOPS**
- SLOW DOWN AS YOU APPROACH A WORK ZONE AND MERGE INTO THE PROPER LANE**
- STAY ALERT AND MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS**
- FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FROM FLAGGERS**

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The Bread of Life Pantry is open every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. They serve everyone. They offer food & financial counseling. Between St. Ann's Catholic Church and St. Ann's Senior Center



In the month of June Feeding America distributed over 25,000 lbs of food to Lake County families!

### Upcoming dates:

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ St. Ann's Senior Center, 1pm-  
July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ Grace Lutheran, 10am-

St. Ann's Daily delivery is on-going to Baldwin area, Idlewild area, and Oakwood Manor area homes. They

are still conducting Meals on Wheels throughout parts of Lake County. Call (231)745-7201  
St. Ann's Meals on Wheels delivered 6,029 meals in June and gave out 1,270 Farm to Families boxes!

Houseman's is offering curbside pick-up of groceries. This is to seniors and at-risk/vulnerable populations. Must call and provide shopping list and secure payment. (231)745-2761.

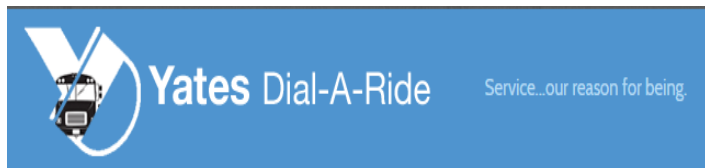


### Baldwin Community Schools

The total meals distributed to date are 80,346 meals served! Baldwin Schools are doing their summer feeding program @ the school on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



Please sign-up for CodeRED by calling (231)745-2711. CodeRED is Lake County's emergency alerting system.



Yates Dial-a-Ride will offer free pick-up and delivery for vulnerable populations regarding these services. Call ahead at (231)745-7311.

#### Census Information:

1-800-923-8282

The Census Bureau is hiring 1-855-562-2020: Apply at: <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html>

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Thanks to Lake County MSU Extension for allowing Lake County Emergency Management & Homeland Security to

use their high volume print/copier to distribute hundreds of copies to our folks throughout the county.

*Message from Lake County 4-H Coordinator Laurie Platte-Breza:*

Dear 4-H families, volunteer leaders, and community members

With the backing of so many wonderful volunteer leaders and community members, I am so excited to announce that the Lake County 4-H enrollment reached 100 this week! Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the youth of Lake County. It is appreciated!

Lake County 4-H Updates:

- 4-H Babysitting Course – The six-week program began June 30 and runs through July 23, covering what it takes to become a babysitter. I will be teaching the class on Thursday on home safety.
- Let's Make Art! 4-H Learning Kits – Each kit consist of 4 activities for youth 5 – 19 years of age. Kits went out yesterday. Thanks to all of the families that signed up.
- 4-H Archery Club – Will be forming this fall. Adult help is still needed.

Enjoy the holiday weekend!

*Laurie Platte Breza*

4-H Program Coordinator – Lake County

**Celebrate the Fourth of July with light – but don't light a wildfire**

*Boom! Sparkle! Pop! Flash!* Glittering fireworks lighting up the night sky are a signature of the Independence Day holiday. Although beautiful, they have the potential to ignite dangerous wildfires. Fireworks cause nearly 18,500 fires in the U.S. annually, burning structures and injuring people. Organizations like the National Safety Council recommend leaving fireworks in the hands of experts. In many cases, simple swaps can keep the celebration fun and reduce risk. Sparklers are often given to young children but can burn at 3,000 degrees. Glow sticks, bubbles and ribbon dancers are exciting alternatives.

"If fireworks are part of your celebration, take precautions to prevent wildfires and keep friends and family safe from accidents," said DNR Fire Prevention

Specialist Paul Rogers. "Keeping an eye on the weather is important – dry days with high winds are the riskiest."

Tips to reduce the risk of at-home fireworks:

- Toss hand-held fireworks such as sparklers into a bucket of water when finished.
- Keep a water source ready to spray embers from fireworks. Spray the entire area where you've been using fireworks with water when done.
- Don't try to re-ignite fireworks that won't go off.
- Don't launch fireworks into forests or fields. Dry grass or leaves could ignite.
- Always supervise kids and keep fireworks away from your face and eyes.

Sky lanterns, also popular on holidays, can start wildfires too. The wires they leave behind can entangle wildlife or end up in animal feed after landing in farm fields. Aerial fireworks such as roman candles and all types of sky lanterns are banned in state parks.

Planning to get some yard work done over the long weekend? Check [Michigan.gov/BurnPermit](http://Michigan.gov/BurnPermit) to see if conditions are ok to burn brush and yard waste.

Questions? Contact [Paul Rogers](mailto:Paul.Rogers@Michigan.gov), 616-260-8406, and learn more about fire prevention at [Michigan.gov/PreventWildfires](http://Michigan.gov/PreventWildfires).



## Operation Dry Water

During 2019, alcohol use was the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; where the primary cause was known, it was listed as the leading factor in 23% of deaths, according to the U.S. Coast Guard. A person is considered under the influence if their blood alcohol content is .08% or greater. In Michigan, a Boating Under the Influence is a misdemeanor offense.


The 2019 top 10 contributing factors of boating accidents include:


1. Operator inattention
2. Improper lookout
3. Operator inexperience
4. Excessive speed
5. Alcohol use
6. Machinery failure
7. Navigation rules violation
8. Weather
9. Hazardous waters
10. Force of wave/wake

Always ride with a sober boating who has completed an approved boater safety certificate course. And, of course – don't just pack it – wear your lifejacket.

## PET SAFETY: FOURTH OF JULY

 Make sure your pet has plenty of shade and cool water.

 Remember noisy fireworks can startle and scare animals, including horses and livestock.

 Secure all animals in a safe place away from fireworks with current, traceable identification such as microchips and ID tags on their collars or horse halters.

 Keep alcohol and food out of your animal's reach.



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